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Addendum

Proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019
(*Item 3 (b) (ii)*)

Programme 19
Economic and social development in Western Asia

1. At its 16th meeting, on 9 June 2016, the Committee considered programme 19, Economic and social development in Western Asia, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019 (A/71/6 (Prog. 19)). The Committee also had before it a note by the Secretariat on the proposed strategic framework, contained in conference room paper E/AC.51/2016/CRP.1/Rev.1.

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to queries raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support and appreciation were expressed for programme 19 and for the overall work of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia.

4. A delegation noted that subprogramme 2, Social development, contained a reference to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It was also noted that the proposed indicator of achievement (ii) under expected accomplishment (a) included a reference to the social inclusion of vulnerable groups. In that connection, clarification was sought as to whether that formulation reflected language agreed upon in the context of the 2030 Agenda, with the view expressed that the proposed indicator should be phrased in line with the language agreed upon in the 2030 Agenda.

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Conclusions and recommendations

5. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly request the Secretary-General to ensure that, in order to achieve its objective of assisting Member States in attaining the Sustainable Development Goals, the programme is realigned with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, in line with established procedures.**

6. **The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve the programme narrative of programme 19, Economic and social development in Western Asia, of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2018-2019.**